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Mr. Gene K. Fong Division Administrator Federal Highway Administration 650 Capital Mall Suite 4-100 Sacramento, CA 95814 Mr. Leslie T. Rogers Regional Administrator Federal Transit Administration 201 Mission Street, Suite 2210 San Francisco, CA 94105

Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to authority dekegated to me, I approve the following Amendment of the Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

## No. <u>Description</u>

### 1 Local Element

 Adds or modifies various projects in Kings County. These projects include funding from the Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (HBRR) program and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program.

#### Transit Element

 Adds two transit projects in Kings County. These projects include funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5311 program.

This amendment updates KCAG's HBRR program to make it consistent with the list of HBRR projects provided by Caltrans.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP amendment for inclusion into California's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are shown for information only.

The updated programming is for project types that have been found by the KCAG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. This FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible

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with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by KCAG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). Caltrans concerns, if any, are reflected in the "Caltrans comment" section of the FTIP Project Data Entry screen in CTIPS project by project

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. This Amendment was prepared under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies and other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff at (916) 654-2983.

Sincerely,

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Chief

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### **Enclosures**

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